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MR. SPEAKER : The Hon. Minister's reply is that there are no such proposals.

The hon. Member must put a separate question if he wants to get any other information.

Panchayat for Nariyambattu village

* 599 *Q.*—SRI A. A. RASHEED : Will the Hon. the Minister for Local Administration be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Government are aware of the fact that the panchayat board has not been formed in Nariyambattu village, Gudiyatham taluk, North Arcot, in spite of the fact that the application has been pending for the last three years; and

(*b*) if so, the action taken by the Government for the constitution of the panchayat?

THE HON. SRIMATHI LOURDHAMMAL SIMON : (*a*) No, Sir.

(*b*) A notification constituting a panchayat for the Nariyambattu village was issued by the Regional Inspector of Municipal Councils and Local Boards, North Arcot. Elections to the panchayat fixed for 30th August 1958 proved infructuous as no nomination was received, and the date of constitution of the panchayat has been postponed up to 30th October 1958.

Removal of bamboo in Salem South Division

* 600 *Q.*—SRI V. K. KOTHANDARAMAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Home be pleased to state the reason for not removing the bamboo from the thirteen bamboo coupes auctioned as usual in March 1958, in the Salem (South) Division?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : The Bamboo coupes of Salem (South) Division were auctioned by the District Forest Officer on 27th March 1958. But the confirmation of the sale took time as a represestation was made to the Government by a party questioning the validity of the auction sale. After careful examination, orders were issued confirming the sale in the name of the highest bidder in respect of five out of nine coupes for which satisfactory prices were obtained and the coupes are now under working. The prices got for the balance of four coupes were not satisfactory and steps have been taken by the District Forest Officer to conduct a resale.

SRI V. K. KOTHANDARAMAN : இந்த மூங்கில் வெட்டு நடைபெறுமல், நின்றுவிட்ட காரணத்தால், கூடை போன்ற சிறு தொழில் செய்தவர்கள் வாழ்க்கை பாதிக்கப்பட்டிருக்கிறது என்பது அரசாங்கத்துக்குத் தெரியுமா ? இப்பொழுது இருக்கும் நிலைமை என்ன என்று சொல்ல முடியுமா ?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : நின்று போய்விடவில்லை. ஐந்து கூப்புகள் ஆக்ஷன் ஆகிவிட்டது என்று சொன்னேன். பாக்கி நாலு கூப்புகள் அதிக விலை கிடைக்காததால், மறு ஆக்ஷன் போடவேண்டியிருந்தது. தவிர்க்கக்கூடிய தாமதம் எதுவும் இல்லை.

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SRI S. NAGARAJA MONIGAR : மீதி நாலு கூப்புகளைப் பற்றி தனி நபர் முறையிட்டதின் பேரில், சர்க்கார் கவனம் செலுத்தியது. அதே ஆபீசர் எலம் போட ஏற்பாடு செய்திருப்பது, அவ்வளவு சரியா ?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : ஆபீசர் மீது குற்றம் சாட்டப்படவில்லை. ஆகவே, ஆபீசரை மாற்றி எலம் போடவேண்டிய நிமித்தம் ஏற்படவில்லை.

Seed Farms

* 601 Q.—SRI A. VEDARATHNAM : Will the Hon. the Minister for Home be pleased to state—

(*a*) the number of State Seed Farms that were producing seeds last year in this State;

(*b*) the quantity and the varieties of seeds produced;

(*c*) whether these seeds were tested before distribution and if so, the results thereof;

(*d*) whether any complaints were received from the Agriculturists about the seeds distributed by the Agricultural Department; and if so, the details thereof; and the action thereon by the Government;

(*e*) whether the scheme of producing seeds has been expanded during this year; and

(*f*) whether there is any proposal for the supply of seeds to wet areas depending on seasonal rains; and if so, the details thereof?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : (*a*) There were 154 State Seed Farms in the State on 31st March 1958.

(*b*)

Name o fcrop.	Quantity.	
	TONS.	LB.
1 Paddy	1,259	1,128
2 Millets	27	470
3 Groundnut	33	411
4 Potato	97	2,220
5 Cotton	167	399

(*c*) The general instructions of the Department are that the subordinate who receives any seed should conduct the germination test immediately on receipt and before sale to ryots. The seeds produced in the State Seed Farms are pure, well-dried and viable.

(*d*) No complaints were received.

(*e*) The target is a total of 360 State Seed Farms of 25 acres each by 31st March 1959. One hundred and fifty-four were in existence on 31st March 1958. The balance 206 farms are to be started in 1958–59. The progress will depend upon the availability of suitable land and the personnel to manage them.

(*f*) Supply of seeds will be regulated according to the needs of the tract and suitability of strains.